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## CARNAHAN APPOINTS MARGARET CONROY NEW STATE LIBRARIAN

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan announced today the appointment of Margaret Conroy as Missouri's new state librarian.

Conroy has extensive experience directing local libraries in Missouri. Prior to accepting the position of state librarian, Conroy served as the director of the Missouri River Regional Library in Jefferson City and previously directed the Little Dixie Regional Libraries in Moberly, Missouri. A past president of the Missouri Library Association, Conroy has been active among Missouri librarians and sits on the boards of MLNC and MOREnet, state programs aimed at connecting local libraries to electronic resources and ensuring patrons of public libraries have access to high-speed internet.

"Our local libraries are community centers where people can access information and resources like never before," said Carnahan. "As a former Missouri library director, Margaret knows the needs and challenges faced by Missouri's local libraries, and she will serve Missourians well as an effective advocate for library services."

Conroy is an active member of the Jefferson City Rotary Club, Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce Governmental Relations Committee, River City Habitat for Humanity and the Ashland Optimist Club.

Conroy received her bachelor's degree from Quincy University and a degree in library science from Dominican University in Illinois. She also has a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"I am pleased by the opportunity to serve Missourians as state librarian and to help increase access to library services across the state," said Conroy. "I look forward to working with Secretary Carnahan, Missouri's local libraries, school librarians, the academic community, and the patrons of Wolfner Library in order to help enhance our state libraries' services."

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